

# **INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION AND INTEGRATED SERVICES COMMISSION**

## **Purpose**

The commission will serve as a high-level policy making body that convenes child-serving agency directors to build consensus on policy, program, and funding priorities that address the needs of District children and youth. Established by the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007, the body will address issues impacting student achievement that arise outside the classroom. It will facilitate a more focused, comprehensive approach to improving child and youth outcomes in the District through increased interagency collaboration and cross-agency accountability.

## **Desired outcomes**

- ❖ Improved child and youth outcomes
- ❖ Improved quality of services and programs
- ❖ Streamlined management and accountability
- ❖ Cost savings as a result of prioritizing strategic investments
- ❖ Increased revenue from federal and private sources

## **Core functions:**

The commission will support:

- ❖ Shared goal-setting and shared accountability to those goals
  - Establish a shared vision for youth and families through setting citywide goals and metrics for children and youth, and regularly monitoring progress toward goals
  - Establish annual priorities for children and youth policies and programs
  - Monitor select program data for cross-agency performance evaluation
- ❖ Communication and data sharing
  - Facilitate information sharing to conduct comprehensive, multi-disciplinary assessments and implement integrated service plans
  - Make legislative and policy proposals to assist with collaboration and minimize barriers to information sharing
- ❖ Resource sharing and revenue maximization
  - Develop annual Children's Budget detailing children and youth funding across agencies
  - Establish strategic budget process that eliminates redundancies and prioritizes investments
  - Facilitate blended and braided funding streams and collaborative federal reimbursement mechanisms for provision of integrated services

❖ Research and evaluation

- Develop annual Children’s Scorecard including child well-being indicators and outcome measures organized by commission priorities
- Promote best practice models (including evidence-based approaches) for publicly funded programs
- Evaluate program effectiveness

## Membership

|            |                   |      |      |
|------------|-------------------|------|------|
| Mayor      | DCPCS Board       | DOC  | OCA  |
| CFSA       | DCSC CSS          | DMH  | ODME |
| CJCC       | DCSC Family Court | DPR  | SEO  |
| DC Council | DHS               | DYRS |      |
| DCPL       | DOES              | MPD  |      |
| DCPS       | DOH               | OAG  |      |

## Organizational Structure and Staffing

The commission will be chaired by the Mayor. It will utilize existing staff within the Office of the City Administrator, with support from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education. The commission will establish subcommittees or working groups organized around identified annual priorities. These subcommittees or working groups may reflect existing interagency initiative taskforces, committees, and groups (e.g. Reconnecting Disconnected Youth Initiative).

## Organizational Process

At each meeting, the commission will focus on select measures or initiatives that support the six citywide goals for children and youth named in the District’s Youth Development Strategy.

| Goal 1:                       | Goal 2:                              | Goal 3:                                       | Goal 4:  | Goal 5:  | Goal 6:   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Children are Ready for School | Children and Youth Succeed in School | Children and Youth Practice Healthy Behaviors | Children and Youth Engage in Meaningful Activities | Children and Youth Live in Healthy, Stable and Supportive Families | Youth Make a Successful Transition onto Adulthood |

Consistent with the Administration’s commitment to youth development, youth participation will be highly valued. The DC Youth Advisory Council will consider the

same selected topics prior to the Commission meeting. DC YAC representatives will attend the commission meeting and share their peers' policy and program recommendations.

### **Activity to Date**

On February 21, 2007, the Mayor convened the inaugural Interagency Collaboration and Integrated Services Commission meeting. Fourteen youth-serving directors were represented. The Mayor laid the framework for the commission's structure and work moving forward. The next commission meeting is scheduled for April 18. The members will focus on the communication and coordination of summer programs among the District's young people.